Setting up of Petrochemical Projects in Rajasthan

*251. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up any fertilizer|petro-chemical and other projects in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the HBJ pipeline, which is passing along the boundary of Rajasthan and a branch line thereof coming to Anta in Kota/Swai Madhopur has opened up the possibility/feasibility of such projects; and

(c) if so, what are the Government's plans in this regard during 1992-93 as well as in Eighth Five Year Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) One gas based fertilizer project is coming up at Gadepan, District Kota in Rajasthan. Having regard to the limited availiability of Gas from the HBJ pipeline, no other gas based fertilizer|petrochemical proect is envisaged in Rajasthan during the 8th Five Year Plan period.

Public Sector Units Floating Private Equity Participation in the Country

*252. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Public Sector Units which have floated private equity participation in the country;

(b) whether the 8 percent funding for the equity participation has been violated by some public sector undertakings; and

(c) if so, what action Government propse to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) It is presumed that the Honourable Member is referring to the disinvestment of shares of public sector undertakings made during 1991-92 to the mutual funds|financial|investment institutions. During 1991-92, disinvestment of shares of 80 public sector enterprises has been made comprising only 8 per cent of the Government equity holding of these all enterprises taken together. A statement of these enterprises with extent of disinvestmennt in each is enclosed (*See* below). By this disinvestment, Government could mobilise Rs. 3038 crores. No public sector undertaking has violated any rules in this regard.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the PSE	%age of disinvestment
1	2	3
1.	Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.	20.0
2.	Indian Railway Constn. Co. Ltd.	0.20
3.	Minerals of Metals Trading Corpn.	0.67